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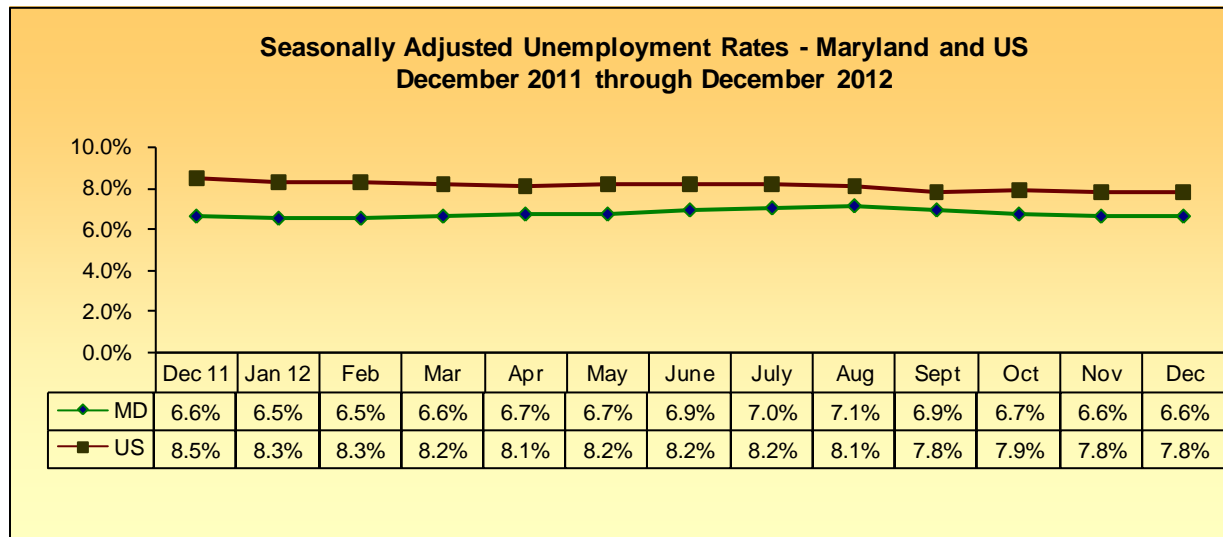
MARYLAND GAINS 4,900 JOBS IN DECEMBER

Private sector employers create 7,700 jobs

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released state jobs and unemployment data earlier today. According to the preliminary survey data, Maryland gained 4,900 jobs in December. The private sector was the source of the December job rise, posting a total gain of 7,700 jobs. This is the best December for Maryland's private sector since 1990.

The preliminary November jobs report was revised upward. The 3,100 job loss previously reported for the October – November period was cut to 1,500 jobs.

According to the BLS, Maryland's November unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.6 percent. Additionally, the unemployment rate remained steady at 6.6 percent for December.



"We're pleased that our investments in workforce training and education are continuing to pay off," said Maryland Labor Secretary Leonard Howie. "Our schools have been ranked number one for the fifth straight year and over-the-year, our private sector employers have gained 30,300 jobs."

The Leisure/Hospitality sector led the private sector job growth, adding 2,300 jobs over-the-month. The Professional and Business Services sector followed closely behind, with a gain of 2,100 jobs. The Natural Resources/ Mining/Construction sector gained 1,300 jobs over-the-month.

December jobs are 21,100 above last year's business payroll total. The Professional/Business Services sector continues to be a focal point in over-the-year expansion, distinguished as both the fastest growing (5.3 percent) and largest job producer (21,300 jobs) among the major sectors since December 2011. Nearly seven out of every 10 jobs gained in this sector over-the-year have been created by firms engaged in providing professional, scientific and technical services such as accounting, architectural, engineering and computer systems design services.

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**Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment
By Place of Residence
December 2012**

Area	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment Rate	
	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r
Seasonally Adjusted								
Maryland	3,113,457	3,103,345	2,906,738	2,899,348	206,719	203,997	6.6	6.6
United States*	155,511,000	155,319,000	143,305,000	143,277,000	12,206,000	12,042,000	7.8	7.8
Not Seasonally Adjusted								
Maryland	3,103,689	3,104,543	2,896,659	2,905,546	207,030	198,997	6.7	6.4
Baltimore-Towson MSA	1,461,427	1,460,182	1,358,774	1,360,885	102,653	99,297	7.0	6.8
Baltimore City	279,444	279,111	251,676	252,067	27,768	27,044	9.9	9.7
Anne Arundel	301,025	300,645	283,240	283,680	17,785	16,965	5.9	5.6
Baltimore	450,138	449,807	417,714	418,363	32,424	31,444	7.2	7.0
Carroll	95,250	95,171	89,558	89,697	5,692	5,474	6.0	5.8
Harford	138,449	138,205	129,062	129,263	9,387	8,942	6.8	6.5
Howard	169,778	169,943	161,789	162,041	7,989	7,902	4.7	4.6
Queen Anne's	27,341	27,298	25,733	25,773	1,608	1,525	5.9	5.6
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Division, MD	595,417	596,450	557,392	559,401	38,025	37,049	6.4	6.2
Calvert	48,066	48,094	45,443	45,607	2,623	2,487	5.5	5.2
Charles	79,627	79,684	75,103	75,373	4,524	4,311	5.7	5.4
Prince George's	467,724	468,670	436,846	438,420	30,878	30,250	6.6	6.5
Bethesda-Frederick-Rockville Metro Div	662,922	663,714	629,839	631,628	33,083	32,086	5.0	4.8
Frederick	129,337	129,403	122,224	122,571	7,113	6,832	5.5	5.3
Montgomery	533,585	534,311	507,615	509,057	25,970	25,254	4.9	4.7
Cumberland, MD-WV MSA	52,551	52,526	48,547	48,905	4,004	3,621	7.6	6.9
Allegany	38,390	38,290	35,293	35,542	3,097	2,748	8.1	7.2
Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV MSA	120,785	121,090	111,346	112,412	9,439	8,678	7.8	7.2
Washington	69,060	69,068	62,907	63,481	6,153	5,587	8.9	8.1
Salisbury, MD MSA	63,586	63,487	57,870	58,100	5,716	5,387	9.0	8.5
Somerset	10,877	10,884	9,785	9,824	1,092	1,060	10.0	9.7
Wicomico	52,709	52,603	48,085	48,276	4,624	4,327	8.8	8.2
Balance of State	212,889	213,350	194,586	196,507	18,303	16,843	8.6	7.9
Caroline	16,358	16,357	15,031	15,106	1,327	1,251	8.1	7.6
Cecil	51,596	51,477	47,216	47,417	4,380	4,060	8.5	7.9
Dorchester	16,814	17,003	15,030	15,378	1,784	1,625	10.6	9.6
Garrett	17,034	17,056	15,696	15,773	1,338	1,283	7.9	7.5
Kent	10,525	10,660	9,789	9,961	736	699	7.0	6.6
St. Mary's	55,863	56,078	52,769	53,070	3,094	3,008	5.5	5.4
Talbot	18,537	18,597	17,104	17,291	1,433	1,306	7.7	7.0
Worcester	26,162	26,122	21,951	22,511	4,211	3,611	16.1	13.8
United States*	154,904,000	154,953,000	143,060,000	143,549,000	11,844,000	11,404,000	7.6	7.4

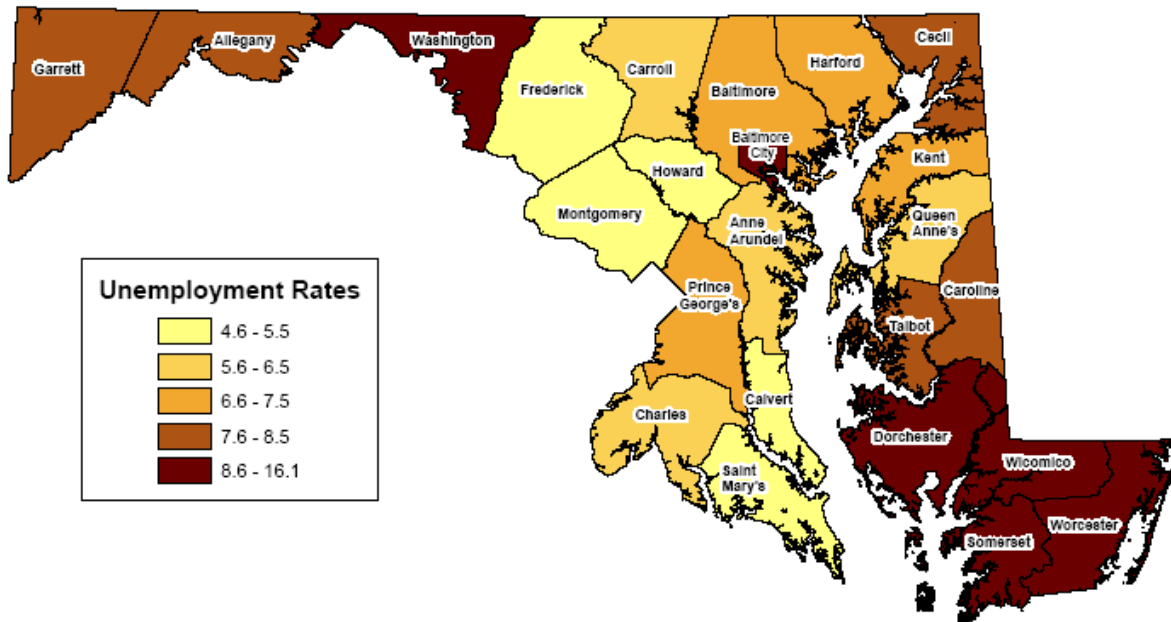
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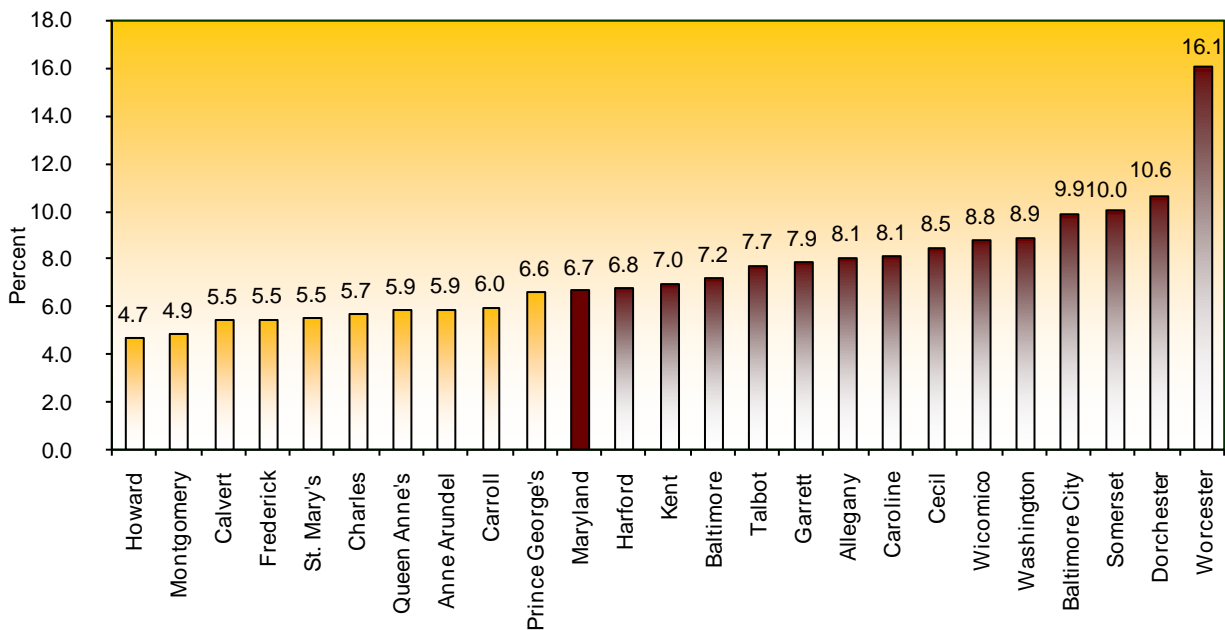
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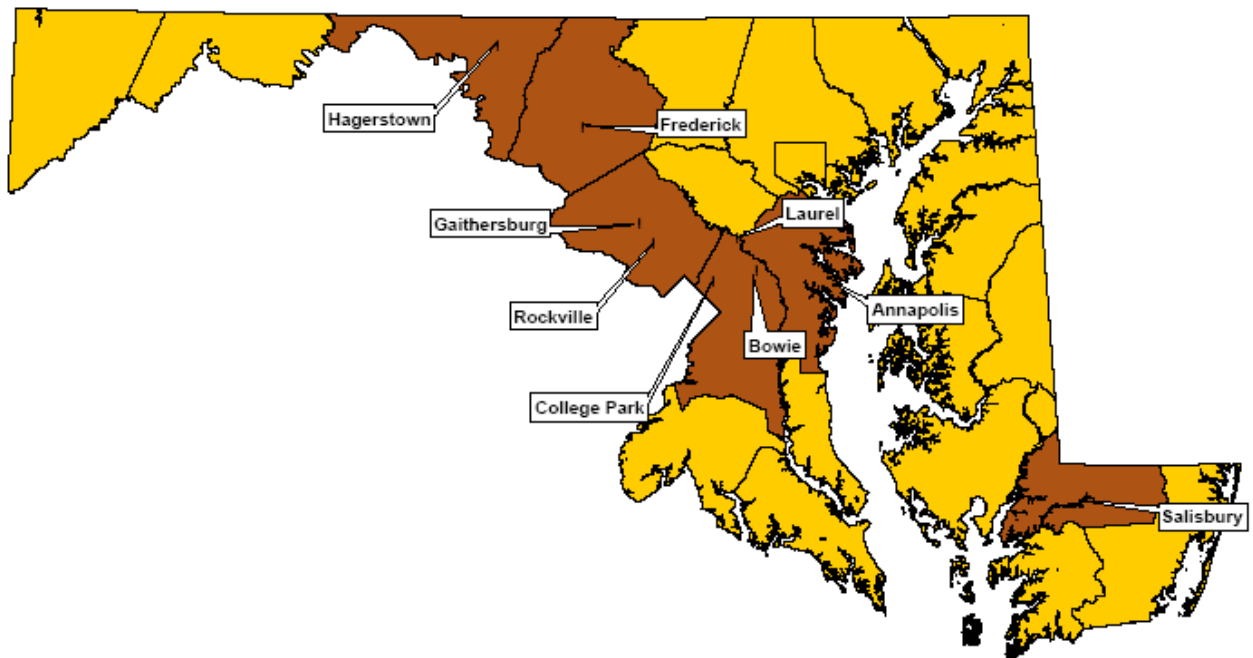
County Unemployment Rates December 2012



Local Unemployment Ranking - December 2012 (not seasonally adjusted)



City Unemployment Rates December 2012



**Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment for Select Cities
By Place of Residence
December 2012**

Area	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment Rate	
	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r
Annapolis	22,593	22,550	21,360	21,393	1,233	1,157	5.5	5.1
Bowie	31,750	31,821	30,062	30,171	1,688	1,650	5.3	5.2
College Park	15,750	15,959	14,825	14,879	925	1,080	5.9	6.8
Frederick	36,158	36,142	33,988	34,085	2,170	2,057	6.0	5.7
Gaithersburg	34,116	34,149	32,375	32,467	1,741	1,682	5.1	4.9
Hagerstown	19,137	19,077	17,129	17,285	2,008	1,792	10.5	9.4
Laurel	16,353	16,379	15,460	15,516	893	863	5.5	5.3
Rockville	32,596	32,562	30,971	31,059	1,625	1,503	5.0	4.6
Salisbury	15,673	15,645	14,139	14,196	1,534	1,449	9.8	9.3

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SOURCE: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Office of Workforce Information and Performance

Nonagricultural Payroll Employment* By Industry
By Place of Employment (in thousands)
Seasonally Adjusted
December 2012

	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2011	Percent Change Dec 2011- Dec 2012
MARYLAND				
Total Nonfarm	2,589.1	2,584.2	2,568.0	0.8
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	150.9	149.6	146.8	2.8
Manufacturing	107.2	106.9	110.8	-3.2
Durable Goods	56.2	56.6	60.1	-6.5
Nondurable Goods	51.0	50.3	50.7	0.6
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	442.8	444.1	442.5	0.1
Wholesale Trade	85.4	86.4	85.7	-0.4
Retail Trade	282.1	283.8	281.0	0.4
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	75.3	73.9	75.8	-0.7
Information	42.7	42.8	42.9	-0.5
Financial Activities	140.2	139.7	142.6	-1.7
Finance and Insurance	98.9	99.0	100.3	-1.4
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	41.3	40.7	42.3	-2.4
Professional and Business Services	420.2	418.1	398.9	5.3
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	244.3	242.8	230.3	6.1
Management of Companies & Enterprises	22.5	22.6	21.9	2.7
Administrative & Support Services	153.4	152.7	146.7	4.6
Educational & Health Care & Social Assistance	426.5	424.9	418.1	2.0
Educational Services	79.1	79.2	79.5	-0.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	347.4	345.7	338.6	2.6
Leisure & Hospitality	237.8	235.5	236.2	0.7
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	34.9	33.5	34.2	2.0
Accommodation & Food Services	202.9	202.0	202.0	0.4
Other Services	119.1	118.1	118.3	0.7
Government	501.7	504.5	510.9	-1.8
Federal Government	145.6	145.9	147.8	-1.5
State Government	111.8	113.4	114.3	-2.2
Local Government	244.3	245.2	248.8	-1.8
BALTIMORE-TOWSON, MD MSA				
Total Nonfarm	1,314.0	1,306.2	1,300.1	1.1
BETHESDA-FREDERICK-ROCKVILLE, MD METRO DIVISION				
Total Nonfarm	575.9	574.2	560.8	2.7
MD PORTION HAGERSTOWN-MARTINSBURG, MD-WV MSA				
Total Nonfarm	97.8	98.7	99.3	-1.5
SALISBURY, MD MSA				
Total Nonfarm	52.5	52.4	53.4	-1.7
BALTIMORE CITY				
Total Nonfarm	369.1	367.2	365.9	0.9
MD PORTION WASHINGTON-ARLINGTON-ALEXANDRIA, DC-VA-MD METRO DIVISION				
Total Nonfarm	378.3	377.8	383.2	-1.3

*The count is of jobs, not workers. It includes full and part-time wage earners employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month. r - revised

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SOURCE: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Office of Workforce Information and Performance

Maryland Nonagricultural Payroll Employment*
By Industry By Place of Employment (in thousands)
December 2012

	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2011	Percent Change Dec 2011- Dec 2012
Total Nonfarm	2,606.8	2,605.7	2,584.6	0.9
Total Private	2,094.8	2,091.7	2,064.1	1.5
Goods Producing	258.9	259.7	258.1	0.3
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	151.3	152.4	146.9	3.0
Construction of Buildings	30.8	30.9	30.8	0.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	105.2	105.8	99.6	5.6
Manufacturing	107.6	107.3	111.2	-3.2
Durable Goods	56.4	56.6	60.2	-6.3
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	19.8	19.9	20.2	-2.0
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	7.5	7.5	8.0	-6.3
Non-Durable Goods	51.2	50.7	51.0	0.4
Service-Providing	2,347.9	2,346.0	2,326.5	0.9
Private Service Providing	1,835.9	1,832.0	1,806.0	1.7
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	457.1	452.9	455.8	0.3
Wholesale Trade	85.7	86.6	86.0	-0.3
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	44.1	44.8	44.3	-0.5
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	27.5	27.5	28.1	-2.1
Retail Trade	293.2	290.5	291.5	0.6
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	33.8	34.0	33.5	0.9
Food & Beverage Stores	64.9	65.0	65.4	-0.8
Grocery Stores	56.5	56.5	56.0	0.9
Health & Personal Care Stores	17.8	17.9	17.3	2.9
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	30.9	29.3	30.6	1.0
General Merchandise Stores	60.4	57.8	59.1	2.2
Department Stores	45.5	44.1	45.2	0.7
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	78.2	75.8	78.3	-0.1
Utilities	10.0	10.0	10.2	-2.0
Transportation & Warehousing	68.2	65.8	68.1	0.1
Truck Transportation	12.8	12.8	13.6	-5.9
Information	42.9	43.1	43.0	-0.2
Telecommunications	17.9	18.4	19.1	-6.3
Financial Activities	140.4	139.8	142.8	-1.7
Finance and Insurance	98.8	99.1	100.3	-1.5
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	42.2	42.2	43.3	-2.5
Depository Credit Intermediation	25.0	25.0	25.9	-3.5
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	39.2	39.3	39.1	0.3
Insurance Carriers	24.9	25.0	24.4	2.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	41.6	40.7	42.5	-2.1

Maryland Nonagricultural Payroll Employment*
By Industry By Place of Employment (in thousands)
December 2012

	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2011	Percent Change Dec 2011- Dec 2012
Professional and Business Services	420.0	420.8	398.8	5.3
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	243.9	242.8	230.5	5.8
Legal Services	19.0	18.8	19.0	0.0
Accounting & Bookkeeping Services	19.3	18.9	17.5	10.3
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	44.1	44.3	42.9	2.8
Computer Systems Design & Related Services	71.1	70.7	64.6	10.1
Management & Technical Consulting Services	35.6	35.1	34.1	4.4
Scientific Research & Development	32.4	32.4	31.7	2.2
Management of Companies & Enterprises	22.5	22.7	22.0	2.3
Administrative & Support Services	153.6	155.3	146.3	5.0
Employment Services	47.4	48.4	41.8	13.4
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	44.2	46.2	44.2	0.0
Educational & Health Care & Social Assistance	430.6	429.6	421.5	2.2
Educational Services	81.4	81.7	81.7	-0.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	349.2	347.9	339.8	2.8
Ambulatory Health Care Services	114.9	114.6	113.4	1.3
Offices of Physicians	48.1	47.7	47.8	0.6
Hospitals	107.1	107.1	106.5	0.6
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	97.1	97.1	96.8	0.3
Nursing & Resident Care Facilities	77.5	77.0	73.2	5.9
Nursing Care Facilities	32.7	32.7	32.5	0.6
Social Assistance	49.7	49.2	46.7	6.4
Leisure & Hospitality	225.7	227.7	226.1	-0.2
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	30.2	30.4	29.9	1.0
Accommodation & Food Services	195.5	197.3	196.2	-0.4
Accommodation	20.7	21.9	21.9	-5.5
Food Services and Drinking Places	174.8	175.4	174.3	0.3
Other Services	119.2	118.1	118.0	1.0
Personal & Laundry Services	31.8	31.1	31.5	1.0
Government	512.0	514.0	520.5	-1.6
Federal Government	145.9	145.5	148.1	-1.5
State Government	116.6	117.1	118.7	-1.8
State Government, Education	55.5	55.7	55.6	-0.2
Local Government	249.5	251.4	253.7	-1.7
Local Government, Education	148.1	148.3	160.2	-7.6

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Nonagricultural Payroll Employment*
By Industry By Place of Employment (in thousands)
Baltimore-Towson, MD Metropolitan Statistical Area**
December 2012

Industry	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2011	Percent Change Dec 2011-Dec 2012
Total Nonfarm	1,326.1	1,321.9	1,314.4	0.9
Total Private	1,085.2	1,080.0	1,070.4	1.4
Goods Producing	128.7	130.0	130.2	-1.2
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	71.5	72.0	68.2	4.8
Manufacturing	57.2	58.0	62.0	-7.7
Durable Goods	32.3	32.7	35.1	-8.0
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	12.3	12.5	12.9	-4.7
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	4.5	4.6	5.0	-10.0
Non-Durable Goods	24.9	25.3	26.9	-7.4
Chemical Manufacturing	6.4	6.5	6.7	-4.5
Service-Providing	1,197.4	1,191.9	1,184.2	1.1
Private Service Providing	956.5	950.0	940.2	1.7
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	231.5	228.4	232.5	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	47.9	47.9	49.8	-3.8
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	24.4	24.5	25.1	-2.8
Merchant Wholesaler, Nondurable Goods	16.9	16.9	17.4	-2.9
Retail Trade	141.9	139.8	141.4	0.4
Food & Beverage Stores	31.4	31.4	31.5	-0.3
Health & Personal Care Stores	9.5	9.5	9.3	2.2
General Merchandise Stores	28.6	27.5	28.2	1.4
Department Stores	21.8	21.1	21.7	0.5
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	41.7	40.7	41.3	1.0
Utilities	5.8	5.8	5.8	0.0
Transportation & Warehousing	35.9	34.9	35.5	1.1
Couriers & Messengers	5.0	4.7	5.1	-2.0
Information	16.5	16.8	17.4	-5.2
Telecommunications	7.6	7.7	8.1	-6.2
Financial Activities	73.0	72.8	73.9	-1.2
Finance and Insurance	53.0	53.1	53.5	-0.9
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	18.4	18.4	18.8	-2.1
Securities, Commodity Contracts, Investments	10.1	9.9	10.1	0.0
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	23.3	23.5	23.1	0.9
Insurance Carriers	15.5	15.5	15.0	3.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	20.0	19.7	20.4	-2.0
Professional and Business Services	208.0	206.9	195.7	6.3
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	117.4	116.3	109.6	7.1
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	20.5	20.5	20.5	0.0
Computer Systems Design & Related Services	32.4	32.3	30.6	5.9
Scientific Research & Development	13.4	13.3	12.8	4.7
Administrative & Support Services	79.7	79.6	77.1	3.4
Employment Services	28.2	28.4	25.7	9.7
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	20.2	21.1	20.1	0.5
Educational & Health Care & Social Assistance	258.5	257.6	253.5	2.0
Educational Services	61.4	61.3	61.2	0.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	197.1	196.3	192.3	2.5
Ambulatory Health Care Services	60.2	59.5	58.0	3.8
Offices of Physicians	24.1	23.9	23.8	1.3
Hospitals	73.8	73.8	72.4	1.9
Nursing & Resident Care Facilities	36.9	36.8	36.1	2.2
Social Assistance	26.2	26.2	25.8	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality	110.2	109.4	108.9	1.2
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	12.3	12.6	11.4	7.9
Accommodation & Food Services	96.5	96.2	95.4	1.2
Food Services and Drinking Places	87.5	86.9	86.7	0.9
Other Services	58.8	58.1	58.3	0.9
Government	240.9	241.9	244.0	-1.3
Federal Government	52.0	51.9	52.6	-1.1
State Government	74.2	73.7	74.6	-0.5
Local Government	114.7	116.3	116.8	-1.8

**Includes Baltimore City, and the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's.

Nonagricultural Payroll Employment*
By Industry By Place of Employment (in thousands)
MD Portion Bethesda-Frederick-Rockville, MD Metropolitan Division**
December 2012

Industry	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2011	Percent Change Dec 2011-Dec 2012
Total Nonfarm	580.0	578.3	563.7	2.9
Total Private	472.0	470.0	456.9	3.3
Goods Producing	47.5	47.3	46.6	1.9
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	32.2	32.0	30.5	5.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	19.5	19.6	19.1	2.1
Manufacturing	15.3	15.3	16.1	-5.0
Service-Providing	532.5	531.0	517.1	3.0
Private Service Providing	424.5	422.7	410.3	3.5
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	79.2	78.5	77.4	2.3
Wholesale Trade	14.1	14.1	14.3	-1.4
Retail Trade	59.5	58.9	57.5	3.5
Food & Beverage Stores	13.4	13.5	13.5	-0.7
General Merchandise Stores	10.8	10.4	10.9	-0.9
Department Stores	8.8	8.4	9.0	-2.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.6	5.5	5.6	0.0
Information	14.3	14.4	14.8	-3.4
Telecommunications	5.0	5.2	5.9	-15.3
Financial Activities	39.5	39.2	40.0	-1.3
Finance and Insurance	28.4	28.4	28.5	-0.4
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	11.4	11.2	11.3	0.9
Insurance Carriers	8.2	8.3	8.1	1.2
Professional and Business Services	132.7	133.4	123.2	7.7
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	82.1	81.9	77.2	6.3
Computer Systems Design & Related Services	21.5	21.4	21.4	0.5
Scientific Research & Development	16.4	16.4	16.1	1.9
Administrative & Support Services	39.4	39.9	38.4	2.6
Employment Services	10.3	10.4	10.1	2.0
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	15.5	16.1	15.2	2.0
Educational & Health Care & Social Assistance	81.3	80.6	79.3	2.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	68.1	67.5	66.4	2.6
Ambulatory Health Care Services	29.2	29.0	28.6	2.1
Offices of Physicians	12.0	11.9	11.7	2.6
Hospitals	13.1	13.1	13.1	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	47.0	46.2	45.2	4.0
Accommodation & Food Services	41.3	39.9	40.3	2.5
Food Services and Drinking Places	36.8	35.4	35.6	3.4
Other Services	30.5	30.4	30.4	0.3
Government	108.0	108.3	106.8	1.1
Federal Government	51.6	51.6	52.7	-2.1

**Includes Frederick and Montgomery Counties, MD

Nonagricultural Payroll Employment*
By Industry By Place of Employment (in thousands)
MD Portion DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division**
December 2012

Industry	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2011	Percent Change Dec 2011-Dec 2012
Total Nonfarm	383.7	383.4	387.4	-1.0
Total Private	274.4	272.5	277.1	-1.0
Goods Producing	40.8	40.5	41.3	-1.2
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	32.0	31.7	32.1	-0.3
Specialty Trade Contractors	24.6	24.4	24.8	-0.8
Manufacturing	8.8	8.8	9.2	-4.3
Service-Providing	342.9	342.9	346.1	-0.9
Private Service Providing	233.6	232.0	235.8	-0.9
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	76.1	75.2	77.9	-2.3
Wholesale Trade	10.8	10.9	11.2	-3.6
Retail Trade	50.9	50.7	52.5	-3.0
Food & Beverage Stores	12.4	12.4	12.4	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	10.8	10.5	11.0	-1.8
Department Stores	8.3	8.2	8.6	-3.5
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	14.4	13.6	14.2	1.4
Information	7.9	7.8	7.0	12.9
Telecommunications	3.6	3.7	3.8	-5.3
Financial Activities	13.8	13.7	14.1	-2.1
Finance and Insurance	7.3	7.3	7.4	-1.4
Professional and Business Services	44.7	44.5	46.7	-4.3
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	24.6	24.5	25.1	-2.0
Administrative & Support Services	19.9	20.0	20.2	-1.5
Educational & Health Care & Social Assistance	40.2	40.3	38.8	3.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	36.5	36.4	35.5	2.8
Ambulatory Health Care Services	14.2	14.2	13.9	2.2
Hospitals	7.9	7.9	7.9	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	35.8	35.5	36.1	-0.8
Accommodation & Food Services	31.0	31.5	31.4	-1.3
Other Services	15.1	15.0	15.2	-0.7
Government	109.3	110.9	110.3	-0.9
Federal Government	29.3	29.2	29.8	-1.7

**Includes Calvert, Charles and Prince George's Counties, MD

Nonagricultural Payroll Employment*
By Industry By Place of Employment (in thousands)
MD Portion Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV MSA**
December 2012

Industry	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2011	Percent Change Dec 2011-Dec 2012
Total Nonfarm	98.9	99.6	100.5	-1.6
Total Private	81.1	81.9	82.5	-1.7
Goods Producing	11.3	11.4	11.9	-5.0
Natural Resources & Construction	4.0	4.1	4.0	0.0
Manufacturing	7.3	7.3	7.9	-7.6
Service-Providing	87.6	88.2	88.6	-1.1
Private Service Providing	69.8	70.5	70.6	-1.1
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	24.2	24.2	24.1	0.4
Retail Trade	16.2	16.2	16.2	0.0
Information	2.4	2.4	2.3	4.3
Financial Activities	7.6	7.6	7.9	-3.8
Professional and Business Services	7.9	8.2	7.9	0.0
Administrative & Support Services	4.5	4.8	4.6	-2.2
Educational & Health Care & Social Assistance	15.4	15.4	15.4	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	8.7	9.1	9.3	-6.5
Other Services	3.6	3.6	3.7	-2.7
Government	17.8	17.7	18.0	-1.1

**Includes Washington County, MD

Nonagricultural Payroll Employment*
By Industry By Place of Employment (in thousands)
Baltimore City***
December 2012

Industry	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2011	Percent Change Dec 2011-Dec 2012
Total Nonfarm	371.5	371.2	368.0	1.0
Total Private	287.5	287.4	282.2	1.9
Goods Producing	21.3	21.4	22.0	-3.2
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	9.4	9.5	9.3	1.1
Manufacturing	11.9	11.9	12.7	-6.3
Service-Providing	350.2	349.8	346.0	1.2
Private Service Providing	266.2	266.0	260.2	2.3
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	39.1	39.0	39.8	-1.8
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.2	8.3	-2.4
Retail Trade	16.1	16.0	16.7	-3.6
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	14.9	14.8	14.8	0.7
Information	3.9	4.0	4.0	-2.5
Financial Activities	17.5	17.5	17.7	-1.1
Finance and Insurance	13.2	13.3	13.4	-1.5
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0
Professional and Business Services	43.3	43.0	39.2	10.5
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	19.3	19.2	18.5	4.3
Administrative & Support Services	20.4	20.6	19.5	4.6
Educational & Health Care & Social Assistance	122.5	122.5	119.2	2.8
Educational Services	43.7	44.0	43.0	1.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	78.8	78.5	76.2	3.4
Hospitals	48.1	47.9	46.9	2.6
Leisure & Hospitality	23.1	23.2	23.4	-1.3
Other Services	16.8	16.8	16.9	-0.6
Government	84.0	83.8	85.8	-2.1
Federal Government	10.0	9.9	10.2	-2.0
State Government	45.2	45.0	45.9	-1.5
Local Government	28.8	28.9	29.7	-3.0

Nonagricultural Payroll Employment*
By Industry By Place of Employment (in thousands)
Salisbury, MD Metropolitan Statistical Area**
December 2012

Industry	Dec 2012	Nov 2012r	Dec 2011	Percent Change Dec 2011-Dec 2012
Total Nonfarm	53.3	53.1	54.2	-1.7
Total Private	41.2	40.8	41.8	-1.4
Goods Producing	6.2	6.2	6.2	0.0
Service-Providing	47.1	46.9	48.0	-1.9
Private Service Providing	35.0	34.6	35.6	-1.7
Government	12.1	12.3	12.4	-2.4

**Includes Somerset and Wicomico Counties

*The count is of jobs, not workers. It includes full and part-time wage earners employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

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***Baltimore City estimates also represent a share of the Balto.-Towson, MSA estimates & are inclusive with those estimates.

NOTE: Data are not seasonally adjusted. Figures may not add to totals due to rounding, estimating, & exclusion of some NAICS.

BUSINESS NEWS

Public-private partnership to develop military housing at Fort George G. Meade

Ground was recently broken for a 14-building, 432 apartment unit project called Reece Crossings on the U.S. Army base in Anne Arundel County. The privately-built garden apartment complex will house young, unmarried enlisted personnel, and will include a clubhouse, cyber café, weight-lifting and fitness rooms, lap-pool, picnic pavilions, and outdoor sports areas. The builder is aiming for LEED Silver Certification, and expects to complete the first structures within a year.

Prometric constructing global operations center in White Marsh

The company, which assists clients world-wide administer technology-enabled exams and assessments, will base its global testing network oversight, help desk, and other support services at its new Baltimore County location. Employees from two other Maryland offices will be relocated to the White Marsh facility, and additional staff will be hired, bringing about 250 workers to the new center. Prometric currently has about 450 employees in Maryland and expects to grow that number to over 500. The company's corporate headquarters is located in Baltimore City. The new building is expected to open in June.

Holiday Inn Express opens in LaPlata

The new hotel in Charles County celebrated its grand opening in early December. In addition to spacious guest rooms, the hotel features generous meeting and banquet space, a fitness center, and an indoor swimming pool.

Royal Farms opens store north of Bel Air

The retailer opened its 12th Harford County store, located in the Hickory area, in early January. The store includes a gas station and car wash, and is built to LEED standards, though not LEED-certified. Another Royal Farms store is under construction in Aberdeen, with the company considering other possible locations in Harford County as well.

Work begun on planned expansion to The Mall in Columbia

Construction began in mid January on the redevelopment of the 1.6 million sq. ft. Howard County shopping mall. When completed, the project will feature a 70,000 sq. ft. Main Street-style open air plaza, to include two restaurants, two cafes, and eight to ten stores. The bulk of the construction will begin in June.

Mixed-use project underway at Rockville Town Center

A mixed-use development is under construction at the site of a former indoor shopping mall in Montgomery County. At build-out, the project is expected to include 40,000 sq. ft. of retail space, 485 apartments, a 140-room Cambria Suites Hotel (a luxury hotel geared toward business travelers), and 1,000 parking spaces. A portion of the apartments will be rented as moderately priced dwelling units, initially marketed to seniors.

Adult living complex in Laurel adding three new apartment buildings

Construction has begun on three 25-unit apartment buildings at the Victoria Falls active adult living complex in Prince George's County. The 75 new apartment units will add a rental option to the 100-acre community, designed for residents 55 and older, bringing the total number of residences to 609, including single family homes, villa homes, and condominiums.

Goose Creek convenience store under construction in Ocean City

The regional retailer is constructing a 3,800 sq. ft. building in Worcester County that will house a 24-hour Goose Creek convenience store and a Subway restaurant. The property will also include six gas pumps. The company hopes to open the new location by Memorial Day.

Former Hochschild Kohn warehouse in Mount Vernon to be converted into apartments

Construction is expected to begin in first quarter 2013 on redevelopment of the former department store's warehouse and furniture showroom located in Baltimore City. Plans for the project include 171 residences, to be completed by spring 2014. The 225,000 sq. ft. brick structure is listed with the Maryland Historic Trust.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Nonagricultural payroll employment Employment data referring to persons on establishment payrolls who receive pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Persons are counted at their place of work rather than at their place of residence; those appearing on more than one payroll are counted on each payroll. Establishments are classified in an industry on the basis of their principal product or activity in accordance with the most recent *North American Industry Classification System Manual*.

Civilian labor force All persons 16 years and over in the civilian noninstitutional population classified as either employed or unemployed.

Employed persons All persons who, during the reference week (the week including the 12th day of the month), (a) did any work as paid employees, worked in their own business or profession or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of their family, or (b) were not working but who had jobs from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job.

Unemployed persons All persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment some time during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Unemployment rate The ratio of unemployed to the civilian labor force expressed as a percent.

Seasonal adjustment A statistical technique that eliminates the influences of weather, holidays, the opening and closing of schools, and other recurring seasonal events from economic time series. This permits easier observation and analysis of cyclical, trend, and other nonseasonal movements in the data.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) An indicator representing a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.

Initial claims Any notice of unemployment filed (1) to request a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation or (2) to begin a second or subsequent period of eligibility within a benefit year or period of eligibility.

Continued weeks claimed Number of weeks of benefits claimed, including weeks for which a waiting period or fixed disqualification period is being served.

Weeks compensated represent the number of weeks claimed for which benefits are paid.

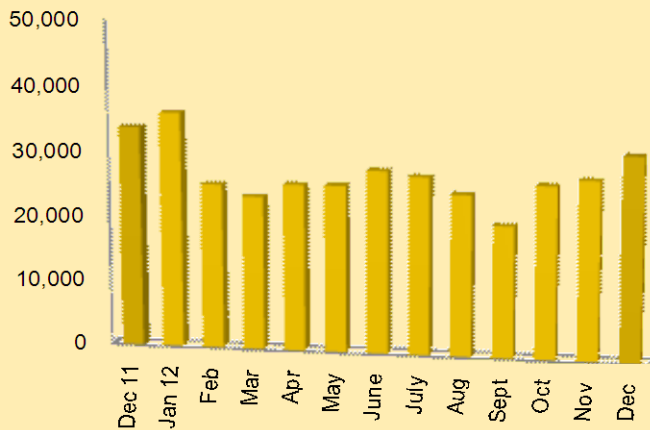
Exhaustions Number of claimants drawing the final payment of their original entitlement for a given program.

For additional labor market information definitions, go to www.dllr.state.md.us/lmi/glossary.shtml

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INDICATORS December 2012

Initial Claims	31,164
First Payments	12,359
Weeks Claimed	280,413
Weeks Compensated	220,447
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	\$327.27
Benefits Paid	\$69,565,238
Final Payments	6,329
UI Trust Fund Balance -- Dec 31, 2012	\$758,969,792.40

Initial Claims for Unemployment Benefits



MARKET INDICATORS December 2012

Maryland Unemployment Rate

	Seasonally Adjusted	Not Seasonally Adjusted
Dec 2012	6.6%	6.7%
Nov 2012	6.6%	6.4%
Dec 2011	6.6%	6.3%

US Unemployment Rate

	Seasonally Adjusted	Not Seasonally Adjusted
Dec 2012	7.8%	7.6%
Nov 2012	7.8%	7.4%
Dec 2011	8.5%	8.3%

MD Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (in thousands)

	Seasonally Adjusted	Not Seasonally Adjusted
Dec 2012	2589.1	2606.8
Nov 2012	2584.2	2605.7
Dec 2011	2568.0	2584.6
OTM Change	0.2%	0.0%
OTY Change	0.8%	0.9%

Consumer Price Index (CPI) Annual Change

All Urban Consumers

December 2011 -December 2012

US	1.7%
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	NA

Data for Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA is published every other month